



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

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P. James Nicholson, Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Identification Number: C00003111

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/96-9/30/96)

Dear Nicholson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) preclude a committee from receiving contributions from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the contribution(s) you received exceeded the limits, you must seek reattribution of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(k), transfer-out the amount in excess of \$5,000 to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the excessive amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all reattributions, transfers-out, and refunds should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of granting written authorization for a reattribution or transfer-out to another account or receiving a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew J. Dodson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Andrew J. Dodson
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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For line number: 11(a)(i)

Contributions from Individuals/Persons

Any info. copied from Reports or Statements may not be sold or used by any person for purpose of soliciting contrib. or for commercial purpose, other than using name & addr. of a political comm. to solicit from comm.

Full Name of Committee: Maine Republican Party C00003111

A. Full Name, Address, Zipcode	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
Mr. & Mrs. William L. Van Alen Jr. Huntington Road Northeast Harbor, ME	W. L. Van Alen retired	07/15/96 09/06/96	\$50.00 \$1000.00

Receipt for: G Aggregate ytd > \$1050.00

B. Full Name, Address, Zipcode	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
Mon. & Mrs. Richard Morrell 12 Boody Street Brunswick, ME 04011	Brunswick Coal & Lumber Owner	07/15/96 09/25/96	\$250.00 \$100.00

Receipt for: G Aggregate ytd > \$500.00

C. Full Name, Address, Zipcode	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
Mrs. Marylouise Cowan PO Box 680 Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538-0680	Wiscasset News & Newspapers -- Owner	07/10/96 07/16/96	\$400.00 \$2820.00

Receipt for: G Aggregate ytd > \$13700.00

D. Full Name, Address, Zipcode	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
Mrs. Marylouise Cowan PO Box 680 Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538-0680	Wiscasset News & Newspapers -- Owner	07/25/96 08/06/96	\$380.00 \$5000.00

Receipt for: P Aggregate ytd > \$13700.00

E. Full Name, Address, Zipcode	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
Mrs. Marylouise Cowan PO Box 680 Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538-0680	Wiscasset News & Newspapers -- Owner	09/25/96	\$5000.00

Receipt for: G Aggregate ytd > \$13700.00

F. Full Name, Address, Zipcode	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Watt 263 State Street Bangor, ME 04401	Dermatologist	09/09/96	\$250.00

Receipt for: G Aggregate ytd > \$250.00

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page \$15250.00
TOTAL This Period

Excess contribution refunded to contributor in October.

